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THURSDAY, JULY 26. 1787.

THEATRE, GLASGOW.
To-morrow, FRIDAY, July 27. 1787, will be presented,
The TRAGEDY of
VENICE PRESERVED,
OR, A
PLOT DISCOVER'D.
The Part of Jaffier, By A YOUNG GENTLEMAN.
The other Characters as in Edinburgh.
To which will be added, the Musical Farce of
PEEPING TOM OF COVENTRY.
The Theatre will be opened for THREE NIGHTS only.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY.
A GENERAL MEETING of the HIGHLAND SOCIETY of SCOTLAND is to be held in the Hall, Carrubber's Close, on Friday the 27th instant, at twelve o'clock noon, agreeable to the regulations. It is requested, That the whole Members then in town will attend, as the Royal Charter for incorporating the Society is to be laid before the Meeting; and, besides other business, there is to be a Ballot on the application of several candidates for admission, which, by the rules of the Society, cannot commence till twenty Members are present.
It is proposed that the Members dine on the day of the General Meeting, as usual, at Bayl's. Dinner on the table at four o'clock; and names to be left with the waiter on or before Thursday the 26th inst.
The Hon. HENRY RSKINE, One of the Vice Presidents, in the Chair.
ROBERT DUNDAS, Esq; Solicitor General of Scotland, another of the Vice-Presidents, Cræprier.
By Order of the Directors,
JOHN LESLIE, Dep. Secretary.

THE BELTONFORD CLUB meet
at Beltonford, on Wednesday the 21st of August.
The Hon. COLONEL HAMILTON, } Stewards.
And JAMES HAY, Esq; of Nunraw, }
Dinner on the table at three o'clock.

County of Dumbarton.
By Order of JAMES DENNISTON, younger, of Colgrain, Esq; Conventer,
THE COMMISSIONERS of SUPPLY of said County are requested to meet within the Town-house of Dumbarton, upon Monday the 20th of August next, at twelve o'clock. This meeting is regarding the land-tax, and the election of a Collector of the same in the present vacancy; application having been made to the conventer to call a meeting for these purposes. NEIL CAMPBELL Clk.

GERMAN BLUE MILL-STONES, AND DUTCH TARRAS.

ARRIVED, and to be SOLD by JAMES WHITE at the Marble Work, Leith, an assortment of the best GERMAN BLUE FLOUR MILL-STONES, of different sizes. Also a parcel of the best DUTCH TARRAS, to be sold in hogheads.

Orders for the Marble Work execute on the shortest notice.

JOHN MITCHELL JUNIOR
HAS just received from London, by the last vessels, a fresh stock of the Marquis of Tweeddale's Court, High Street, Netherbow, Edinburgh.

The Teas are of such a quality, that he is convinced will give every satisfaction at the price charged, being from 4d. to 6d. per lb. lower than formerly sold at; Black Teas at all different prices, from 2s. to 5s. 8d. per lb. Hyson Green, from 7s. 6d. to 8s. per lb. He can assure his friends and the public, that none in the trade will sell on better terms. To convince them, that no advantage will be taken, the price will be marked on each parcel, warranted at the price charged. Teas from 4s. to 5s. per lb. are much recommended.

J. M. has likewise on hand a large stock of Foreign and British SPIRITS, which he sells on as low terms as at any shop or warehouse in town. Sugars to Tea and Spirit Cullumers on the lowest terms.
N. B. Orders, addressed as above, duly attended to.

GOTTENBURGH TEAS, &c. JOHN SWANSTON,
At the head of Carrubber's Close,

ACQUAINTS the Nobility and the worthy Trades of Edinburgh, that he has full and above twenty numerous weights or measures of Gottengurgh and other Black and Green TEAS; also some thousand Gallons of Foreign and British SPIRITS; at the following prices, viz:

TEAS, per lb.	SPIRITS, per gallon.
Bohea, 2s. 6d.	Best Jamaica double Rum, 8s. 0d.
Congou Leaf, 2s. 6d.	Grenada ditto, 7s. 0d.
Good Congou, 2s. 6d.	Single ditto, 5s. 0d.
Fine ditto, 4s. 0d.	Coniac Brandy, 8s. 0d.
Fine ditto, 4s. 0d.	Good ditto, 7s. 0d.
Souchong, 3s. 0d.	Ditto, 6s. 0d.
Fine ditto, 5s. 0d.	Good Brandy, 4s. 0d.
Fine ditto, 6s. 0d.	Best Holland's Gin, 5s. 6d.
Good Green, 4s. 0d.	Best British ditto, 4s. 0d.
Fine ditto, 6s. 0d.	Ferintosh, 5s. 0d.
Hyson, 7s. 0d.	Best Old Proof Whisky, 3s. 0d.
Very fine ditto, 7s. 0d.	Good Whisky, 2s. 6d.
Fine ditto, 8s. 0d.	Shrub, 4s. 0d.
Best blue Coffee Beans, 1s. 0d.	

Groceries at the lowest prices.
J. S. will not detain the public with a long detail of his British Spirits being Distilled from Malt, &c. let it suffice, that they are purchased from the best Distillers in the kingdom.

The goods may be seen at his Shop, or at his Warehouse, Bishops land close.

SALE OF AREA, HOUSES, &c. ON THE SHORE OF LEITH.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 8th day of August next, between the hours of six and seven o'clock afternoon.

THAT AREA or Piece of Ground, with the whole houses, stables, and others built thereon, lying at the foot of the shore of Leith, upon part of which the wind-mill is built, with the wind mill itself, as the premises are presently possessed by Mrs Anderson, Mrs Hill, vintner, and other tenants, at the free yearly rent of 99l. 4s. Sterling.

The whole area contains about 115 square yards; that part thereof which fronts the shore, measures about 140 feet, and the part thereof along the sands from west to east, measures about 88 feet; the whole forming a most eligible purchase, either for the accommodation of merchants, or persons who would wish to build upon a situation so advantageous. Enquire at Robert Brown, writer to the signet, who will show a plan and rental of the subjects, and inform as to other particulars.

MURPHY,
PLAYER OF THE IRISH PIPES,
Is leaving a gentleman who he has served for three years; he intends going to place again at the next term, in case he gets one that will suit him.—He dresses a gentleman; can act as butler in a family.—Is to be heard of at Mr Walker's Hotel, Prince's Street; or by directing to him at Axwell Park, Newcastle.

Tea Ware-house, Leith.
WILLIAM THORBURN begs leave to acquaint the Ladies, that the Teas of last Sale are arrived, some of which are very fine, and all of them new Teas.
N. B. Ladies who have their Teas from this Warehouse will be supplied with fine Cassia Cinnamon, much under the market-price.

LONG WISHED FOR AT EDINBURGH, A Good Inn.

James Robertson, now removed from
the Pleasance, begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that, for their better accommodation, at the expense of several thousand pounds, he has erected in CARMARINE STREET, North side of the Register Office, New Edinburgh, a large and commodious INN, consisting of fifty-one apartments; the under half of which is possessed by Mr HUGH CAMERON, late vintner on the Bridge, as a Tavern; the upper half, consisting of twenty-six fire rooms, J. R. possesses himself in the lodging way—the whole (in conjunction) to be carried on upon a new and an approved plan as an INN, with stabling, coach houses, post chaises, &c. &c.
The situation is very agreeable, being near the Croft of the Old and in the end of the New Town, Edinburgh, in the view of the Frith and country adjacent.

J. R. and H. C. return grateful thanks to their friends and the public for past favours, and while they unite their best endeavours, they hope for a share of the public favour.

N. B. The London and Newcastle ROYAL CHARLOTTE Light Post Coach, which runs through to London in two days and a half, and travels mostly in day-light, sets out every morning at four o'clock from the above inn; likewise the Flies for Glasgow and Aberdeen—Return from the George and Blue Boat, Holborn, London—Turk's Head, Newcastle—Mr Durie's, Black Bull Inn, Glasgow—and Mr Wilkie's New Inn, Aberdeen.

Lufcar Malting Coal.

THE MALTING COAL that formerly belonged to Mr GEORGE CHAMBERS, late of Pittencrieff, continues to be shipped at the harbour of Bruchaven, by Limekilns. Shipmasters and others can be readily served with said coal, by applying to Adam Paterson at Dunfermline, or William Saunders at the harbour of Bruchaven. Letters directed to either of the above will be duly attended to.
The coals are of the best quality, and well known in Scotland and England. Shipmasters may depend upon all manner of justice, and every possible dispatch given them.
The coals are sold for ready money, or good bills at short dates.

Salmon Fishings at Stirling to Let.

THE SALMON FISHERIES upon the rivers of Forth and Teath, from the shore of Stirling to the Kiln-end of Greenock, excepting the Queenshangh Boat, and the Boat and Cruives of Craigforth, are to be SET by public roup, for next, within the Town-house of Stirling, at five o'clock afternoon.

The present rent of the premises is 35 l. Sterling yearly. For the encouragement of bidders, the restrictions in former sets will be taken off, and the takers left to dispose of the fish at pleasure.

At the same time, the Longrack and Taylorton Fishings on the Forth, will be Set for the same space.
The articles of roup may be seen at the Town-clerks office. Stirling, 24th July 1787.

A Remarkable Instance of the Efficacy of A D A M S' SOLVENT, FOR THE STONE AND GRAVEL.

MRS Miller, No. 28, Margaret-street,
Cavenish-square, London, was taken ill of the gravel above ten years ago, which at length became the stone. She was then advised to soap, lime water, and the other usual ichthonics of that time, which produced no good effect whatever, for she grew worse and worse, and was at last told that the only relief must be found in the knife. Dreadful as this alternative was, she performed the operation, and, to her surprise, found herself cured, that, after extracting one stone as large as a hen's egg, and another of the shape and size of a Windsor bean, she was able to walk about. Now, as the stones were unbroken, she was flattered with the hopes of a perfect relief from the excruciating tortures of this disorder; and from the sufferings which she cannot with propriety describe in this public manner. These hopes, however, proved illusive; for her conformation was so disposed to form calculus concretions, that in a short time she was sensible of a new accumulation, and all her former sufferings returned with a hopeless prospect of further relief. About eighteen months after this, when the stone had got to a considerable size, she heard of the above remedy, which she took, with some intermissions, for fifteen months, during which time the grew easier and easier, and evacuated large quantities of an earthy or clayish substance, as well as concave pieces of stone, black on one side. In one week she passed seven of these, making the whole quantity voided near a handful, by which happy event she was perfectly cured of the disease, and has remained so six months, although she had not been easy so many hours for several years before. Notwithstanding the Solvent had been given with equal success long before she submitted to the operation, yet she had never heard of it; and this circumstance alone has induced her to wish, and the discoverer to consent (though a regular surgeon), to the publication of her case, in order to alleviate the miseries of those afflicted with this cruel disorder, in which cutting is often but a temporary relief.
The Solvent may be had of the proprietor, No. 21, Argyle-street, London, in bottles of Ten Shillings and Sixpence and One Guinea; and for a further account of the success of this medicine, see "Perry on the Stone, Seventh Edition."—The medicine is sold also by Mr A. MANNERS, High Street, Edinburgh—J. Muir, Kilmarnock—and W. Lellie, Aberdeen.

FOR LONDON,

The Smack Kingston,
RICHARD GARDNER Master,
Now lying on the Birth in Leith harbour, taking in goods, and will sail on 31st inst.

N. B. This vessel is remarkably strong, sails fast, and has neat accommodation for passengers.

The Master to be spoke with at the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Change hours; mornings and evenings on board; or at his house, Sheriff Brea.



Robbery of the Mail.

General Post-Office, Edinburgh, 17th July 1787.
THAT last night about eleven o'clock, the Post Boy carrying the West Mail from Edinburgh, was attacked at a place called Maiden Mile, about four miles east from Leithgow, by a young man who held a pistol to his breast, and ordered him to carry the Mail off the road into a field of wheat, where he cut it up, and carried off sundry parcels of letters therein contained, together with the horse on which the boy rode. The horse has since been found south of the place where the robbery was committed.

The person who thus attacked the boy was a thin-made man, a little pitted with the small pox, about five feet eight inches high, had on a brown long coat, a round hat, and spoke with an English accent.

A reward of FIFTY POUNDS Sterling is hereby offered to such as shall apprehend the person guilty of the above robbery, to be paid on his conviction.

By order of the Postmaster-General,
DAVID ROSS Secretary

General Post Office,

Edinburgh, July 21. 1787.
WHEREAS there is now good ground to suspect, that a person of the following description ROBBED THE MAIL, as advertised on the 17th current, or was accessory thereto, viz.

A very thin man, remarkably round-shouldered, and stooped much, about 5 feet 8 inches high, of a very thin and pale face, high cheek-bones, and Roman nose, blue eyes, arched eye-brows, a very small mouth, and thin lips, with short black hair. He wore a round hat, seemingly new, with two velvet bands round it, black cloth coat and vest, black stocking breeches, with an oval silver knobbed buckle in one knee, and a bright oval steel buckle in the other, blue and white thread stockings, his shoes clumsy, with white square buckles. He seemed to have a small limp or halt in his walk.

It is intreated, that the person answering this description may be secured, and immediate notice thereof given to this office.

By order of the Postmaster-General,
DAVID ROSS Secretary.

To be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 8th of August 1787, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

THAT Large and Central SHOP

in the High Street of Edinburgh, being the first shop from the corner on the east side of the North Bridge, and nearly opposite the South Bridge, as presently possessed by Mr Robert Kerr, haberdasher.

ALSO, these two DWELLING HOUSES, being the first story of the new Tenement on the east side of Liberton's Wynd, as possessed by Mr Murray and Mrs ———, the one consisting of three rooms and kitchen, and the other of two rooms and a kitchen.

And ALSO, that DWELLING HOUSE in Advocate's Close, opposite the house of the late Lord Weddall, possessed by Mr Gillis, consisting of five rooms and a kitchen, with large light garrets, and three excellent vaulted cellars.

The articles of roup and title-deeds, to be seen in the hands of Robert Walker, writer to the signet.

Lands in Aberdeenshire.

To be SOLD by public roup, upon Tuesday the 22d day of August next, at ten o'clock, the following lands, viz: Manor, place thereof, and pendicle called Bogs, the Towns and Lands of Upper Darley, Nether Darley, and Drymills, Bankhead, Scotticksford, Cottown, Bridgend, Middlehill, Meikle Bogs, Little Bogs, Newbigging, and Nether Croft, together with the Mill of Badenoch, mill lands and mill-tures of the said whole lands, all lying within the parish of Auchterless, and county of Aberdeen, and yielding of free yearly rent, computing the virtual at 10s. per boll, 258 l. 4s. 4d. Sterling.

These lands are situated in a populous and fertile part of the country, close by the great post-road between Aberdeen and Banff, are of a rich soil and great extent; and being uncommonly well supplied with moss, and at a small distance from lime, are capable of great improvement. The mansion-house and offices are in good repair, fit for the accommodation of any gentleman's family, the garden well stocked with fruit-trees, and the house-ferm in high order. There is upon the estate a great deal of wood, some of it fit for immediate sale; and what is young is in a very thriving condition. The mill, kirk, manse, and school-house are all in thorough repair; and the mill, kirk, and manse, having been lately rebuilt, no expense can be incurred of more accounts for many years to come. Little Bogs and Newbigging hold blench of a subject superior; but all the other lands are holden of the Crown; and they afford a freehold qualification in the county of Aberdeen.

For further particulars, application may be made to Mr Leslie of Rothie the proprietor, or John Durno advocate in Aberdeen, with whom the title-deeds, tacks and rentals are lodged; and copies of the inventory of the title deeds may be seen in the hands of Isaac Grant writer to the signet. And James Gib in Bruckhills, near Badenoch, will show the lands, and point out the marches.

Any person intending to purchase by private bargain may apply to Mr Leslie, or the said John Durno.

FOR KINGSTON, JAMAICA;

The BELL,
JOHN CATHCART Master,
Now lying at Greenock, will be ready in ten days to receive goods, and will positively sail by the 5th September.

A I S O,

The Fine New Ship BETTY, burthen about 260 tons, WILLIAM CHISHOLM Master, will be ready to receive goods at Greenock by the 1st September, and clear to sail the 10th October.

Both these ships have the very best accommodations for passengers.—For freight or passage apply to James Buchanan, Glasgow, Captain Cathcart, or Hamilton, Garden, and Company, Greenock.
Greenock, 26th July 1787.

A SLOOP FOR SALE.

A SLOOP, smack rigged, with her materials, reckoned a fast sailing vessel, very fit for the bounty fishing or coasting trade. She measures 60 tons, will carry 70, was built in the year 1777; but has got a thorough repair in her Hull, and may be got to sea in three days.

Likewise, A VESSEL ON THE STOCKS, smack built of extraordinary timber and plank, and good workmanship, will measure 80 tons bounty or thereabout, will carry 90 tons, and may be got ready to launch in two months.

For particulars, apply to Mr Arthur Bryant, ship builder, Berwick-upon-Tweed.



LOST on Tuesday last, betwixt three and four afternoon, between the Lawnmarket and the Canongate Church;

AN Old Almanack, by way of Pocket
Book, containing two TEN POUND NOTES, four FIVE POUND NOTES of the Royal Bank; thirty-eight GUINEA NOTES, twenty TWENTY SHILLING NOTES, in all L. 99 l. 18 s. Sterling.

Whoever has found the same, and returns them to the owner, shall be handsomely rewarded, by applying to James Macaulay, at Mr Donaldson's Printing Office, Castle-hill.

N. B. The numbers of the large Notes are known.

Sale of Spirits and Wines,

For behoof of Creditors.

To be SOLD by public auction, on Wednesday the 8th August 1787, at the cellars of Mr George Veitch, wine merchant in Nicolson's Street, Edinburgh.

[The Sale to begin at eleven o'clock forenoon.]

The STOCK in TRADE which belonged to the said George Veitch, lying in his cellars Nicolson's Street, consists of the following:—one hundred and thirty-five gallons of Aquavite and Aquavite Shrub; also a pipe of Calcevel Wine, and a pipe of Mataro Wine; a considerable quantity of Claret, Madeira, Port, Sherry, and other Wines in bottles, with a cask of Burton Ale, and several dozens of bottles of Perry and Cyder; some empty casks, bottles, &c.

As also to be expofed on the day following, being Thursday the 9th August, at Mr Veitch's cellars, in Graham's Close, Quality Street, Leith, sale to begin at eleven o'clock forenoon.

His STOCK of SPIRITS and WINES, lying in said cellars at Leith, consisting of about four hundred Jamaica and Grenada Rum, one pipe of Mataro Wine, with a quantity of Champagne, Claret, Madeira, Lisbon, and Port in bottles.

The goods to be set up in such lots as will best suit purchasers.

Printed catalogues, containing the whole particulars and conditions of sale, will be had in a few days of Mr John Small auctioneer, at Mr Charles Small's vintner, Edinburgh.

Lands in East Lothian to Sell.

THE LANDS of SKEDSBUSH, in the parish of Yester, and county of Haddington, consisting of about eighty acres, all inclosed and subdivided into neat different inclosures, all well supplied with water. There are on said lands about ten acres of wood, a good part of which is fit for cutting, with a good substantial dwelling-house, a complete set of office-houses, garden, and dove-cote. Any intending to purchase, may apply to Mr Thomas Tod writer to the signet, or to the proprietor at Skedsbush, who will show the grounds, and inform as to particulars.

Any part of the price may remain in the purchaser's hands, on giving proper security.

Farms near Lanark to Let.

To be set for nineteen years from Martinmas next, in one or two Farms.

THE Lands of CARTLAND, consisting of 300 acres, of good arable land, most inclosed and subdivided, part with stone dykes, and part with ditch and hedge, in a thriving and fertile condition.

There is in the mill, with part of coal under it, upon the ground; plenty of coal at two miles distance, and good roads to all the above markets.

Also to SET, Several HOUSES in the village of Cartland, with small Plots of LAND from three to nine acres each, very proper for tradesmen or carters, who will meet with constant employment in the neighbourhood.

Any person taking these farms will be accommodated with whatever part of the present crop or stock they may have occasion for at a reasonable price; and persons intending to offer may apply to William Howison writer, Mill's Square, Edinburgh; William Inglis in Caltoun, Glasgow; or to William Inglis at Cartland, betwixt and the 20th day of August next.

FOR LONDON,

The Edinburgh Smack,

WILLIAM CLARK Master,
Lying in Leith harbour, taking in goods, and sails the 31st July 1787.
The Master to be spoke with at the Exchange Coffeehouse, Change hours; mornings and evenings on board the ship.

The above ship has neat accommodations for passengers, and best of usage may be depended on.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH,

THE ELIZA,

JOHN SAMSON Master,
Now lying at Millar's Wharf, opposite to Burr-street, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and country adjacent, and will sail the 4th August.

This ship is a remarkable fast sailer, as good accommodation for passengers; and as the master takes charge of the vessel himself, the public may rely upon the greatest care being taken of such goods as may be put under his charge.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH,

The Betsey of Dunbar,

WILLIAM MILLAR Master,
Is now lying at Millar's Wharf, opposite Burr-street, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and places adjacent, and will sail the 4th August 1787.

This smack, fitted up on purpose for the trade, and sails fast, has excellent accommodation for passengers, who may depend on the best usage.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, July 24.

	First.	Second.	Third.
Wheat,	21s. 0d.	20s. 0d.	19s. 0d.
Barley,	19 0	18 6	18 0
Oats,	17 0	16 6	16 0
Pease,	19 6	19 0	00 0

PRICES OF CORN AT CORN EXCHANGE, JULY 24.

Per Quarter.	s. d.	Beans,	s. d.
Wheat,	34 to 48 0	Tick,	29 to 33 0
Barley,	22 to 25 0	Tares,	26 to 28 0
Rye,	23 to 27 0		28 to 30 0
Oats,	13 to 20 0		
Pale Malt,	32 to 34 0	Flour per Sack.	
Amber ditto,	33 to 34 6	First,	33 to 34 0
Pease,	38 to 42 0	Second,	30 to 31 0
Hog Pease,	26 to 28 0	Third,	28 to 29 0



FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, July 21.

Whitehall, July 21. 1787.

THE King has been pleased to appoint Anthony Merry, Esq; to be his Majesty's Consul at Madrid.

War-Office, July 21. 1787.

2d Regiment of Dragoons, Captain-Lieutenant J. Haydock Boardman is appointed to be Captain of a troop, vice Patrick Smith. Lieutenant Andrew Gillon to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice J. Haydock Boardman. Cornet Henry Wigley to be Lieutenant, vice Andrew Gillon. Robert Bower, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Henry Wigley.

18th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Gervase Rainy to be Lieutenant, vice William Ferguson.

36th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Henry Davers, from the half-pay of the late 98th regiment, to be Ensign, vice J. Davenport.

M A I L S.

Arrived—France, 1.—Ireland, 2.

Due—Holland, 1.—Flanders, 1.

FROM THE LONDON PAPERS, July 23.

Paris, July 9. Monsieur le Marquis de Verac, it is said, is recalled from his embassy to the Hague, and is said to be succeeded by M. de la Luzerne.

A report is spread, that M. de Calonne has left the kingdom, upon advice having been given him, that a commission was named to examine into his ministerial conduct. The contradiction here is false, although the circumstance is true; it is confirmed this day, that this old Minister, after writing to the King, and sending him his resignation of his Secretaryship to the Order of St. Esprit, which had been demanded from him by his Majesty, is gone, it is said, to his country, where he is believed to be all his efforts to Madame d'Harvelay, with whom he is supposed to be married. England, it is thought, will be the place chosen by M. de Calonne for his retreat, and that Madame d'Harvelay will soon join him there.

Utrecht, July 11. The Stadtholderian General was no sooner master of Wyck, than he put under arrest Messrs. de Noys, commandant; Vander Kemp, and de la Faille; they were guarded two days in a house, and on the third day they were carried to Amersfort, where they are kept as criminals, and preparations making to bring them to their trial.

The dreadful condition of the towns of Zutphen, Doesburg, Arnhem, Thiel, Bommel, Hasselt, Rimbouren, and Hattem, is incredible; nothing is to be seen there but houses demolished, burnt, and plundered; whose inhabitants, reduced to beggary, are taking refuge here, or in Holland.

Groningen, July 10. The system adopted for some time past, by the majority of the self-called States General, has struck every one here with horror and indignation. We are sensible of the injustice with which some individuals, who conduct the affairs in Gueldres and Zealand, as also the Assembly of Amersfort, endeavour to oppress Holland, with a view to advance their own interests, combined with those of the Prince Stadtholder. In all times Holland has paid upwards of one half, near 60 per cent. of the common expenses of the confederation. For a long time past, Holland furnishes about 80 per cent. to supply the deficiencies of the provinces of Gueldres, Zealand, and Friseland; and yet these are the three provinces that, seconding the efforts of a party, enemies to liberty, are striving with might and main to crush Holland; they detach her troops, give laws to her on her own territory, and insult her in her own dwelling place.

L O N D O N, July 23.

Yesterday morning the King, Queen, and four of the Princesses, attended divine service at St. George's chapel, Windsor, and afterwards dined at the Queen's Palace, in the Castle-yard. In the evening their Majesties and the Princesses, attended by the Lord and Lady in waiting, and the attendants on the Princesses, walked on the Terrace.

His Majesty, in consequence of the death of Lieutenant Colonel Calderwood, of the first troop of horse guards, has been pleased to make the following promotions in that corps.

First Major, Drouty, to be Lieut. Colonel.
Second Major, Read, — First Major.
Captain Roberts, — Major.
Lieutenant Stewart, — Captain.
Cornet Squire, — Lieutenant.

Friday Mr Dundas took leave of the King at St. James's previous to his going to Scotland.

Friday, Morton Eden, Esq; took leave of the King, previous to his going to Dresden as British Resident.

William Eden, Esq; also took leave of the King, on his going Ambassador to the Court of Madrid.

The Middlesex and Surrey Justices are very laudably endeavouring to enforce the late proclamation with the utmost vigour and spirit; the bands of music are silenced at the Dog and Duck, Bagnigge Wells, &c. several skittle grounds, the resort of the low and abandoned, are shut up, and all tipling houses regularly visited during divine service on Sundays. Thus much for attempts at reformation among the middling and lower ranks of people; but how much more would it add to the credit of the Magistrates, was their authority directed with equal activity against Sunday Concerts, Sunday Routs, Sunday Card Parties, and more particularly so against the Sunday Gaming Tables in the vicinity of St. James's?

Informations for gaming, we hear, have been lately laid against some of the first characters in the kingdom. The process of the law is on this occasion very simple, it being only necessary to give in the name of the party or parties playing, on oath before a magistrate, which subjects them to a penalty of 50 l. or a temporary imprisonment, while the name of the informer is concealed. Some needy domestics have availed themselves of the act, and are profiting it with advantage.

The impudence of some, and the credulity of other stock-jobbers, can only be equalled by the infamy of the practice. *Iterum, iterumque*, shall be his motto, says little S—, and not with impropriety, this being the sixth time he has waddled out of the Alley.

Dreadful has been the distress in the Alley of

such as could pay; and such as could not, more than 40 have disappeared; and of all this mischief, knowing men insist, that the far greater part of it originated in the artifices of a few monied men who drove the stock (from false fear or worse motives) 3 per cent. lower than there was the least occasion for. Had they settled at 74, very few would have been injured, and from the present appearance of the market, they will see that price in a few days; but the mischief is done, and though they may go back to 76 or 78, for next account, nothing can relieve the present.

Lord George Gordon has been formally warned to quit Holland:—a notice of eight and forty hours was the time allowed for his departure:—we also learn that he applied in consequence to the master of a collier at Helvoetsluis, for a passage to Newcastle on his way to Scotland;—but the man declined receiving him, "that he was sure he should be obliged to perform quarantine ever after, if he carried his Lordship to England!"

Poor Lord George! cannot find a resting-place for the soles of his feet; even his good friends the Dutch have behaved unkindly to him; the Jews refuse him circumcision; and he must at length try his old correspondents the Turks. They may make him keeper of the Seraglio—when properly qualified!

Orders were yesterday issued for the works at Carleton-house to be finished with the utmost dispatch, as the Prince intends returning to town very early.

The mails which arrived on Saturday bring very little intelligence. The States of Holland have returned an answer to the King of Prussia's remonstrance, in exactly such a stile as we expected; and, indeed, as it was necessary for them to do, without abandoning their cause. The Prussian army is not encamped as yet, but orders have been given for that purpose.

By the last letters from Holland, a mediation is said to be not only on the tapis, but almost agreed upon, between the Stadtholder and his opponents. France is to be the arbitrator on the part of the people, Prussia on the part of the Prince, and England is to be the umpire. Under such auspices, who can despair? But the Princess and her charming family are now safe at Nimwegen; a circumstance very flattering to the hopes of those who wish not for intestine war, and will certainly be a cause of this arbitration proceeding with more order and less interruption. Peace is now the chief advantage of all the states of Europe; and if a war be resolved upon, the resources of them all must be drained to the utmost distress.

The magistrates of Amsterdam hearing that Lord George Gordon was come among them, politely sent him word, that his presence in that city would be dispensed with, and his Lordship has accordingly decamped—nobody knows where, and nobody cares.

There are accounts from Cleves, which mention, that the Duke of Brunswick, who, on the late promotion in the Prussian armies, was made a Field Marshal, and one of the Generallieutenants, is daily expected in that duchy to review the troops already arrived there, and others which are expected, to the number of 27,000 infantry, and 4000 cavalry; and that General Archibald Guadric, who commands, was actually preparing for his Royal Highness's reception, who will reside at the Ducal Castle of Cleves, and is looked for early in the month of August.

The Admiralty of the Maese, who act in concert with that of Amsterdam, have ordered the following guardships to moor off the island of Yschmonde, to prevent any vessels getting up without the proper passports—Centaur 54, Captain Solomon Hoops; Van Tromp 54, Captain Cornelius Stott; Medemblic 40, Captain Adrian Rooupe; and Dordrecht 24, Captain V. C. Barbe. No ships now pass up that river without being first examined, where bound, and what their cargoes consist of. This extends also even to passengers in craft, &c. and is rigidly complied with.

Seven ships of war, and fourteen transports, sailed on the 2d instant from Belleisle, intended professedly to the West Indies.

A storm, not less alarming than that raging at present in the United Provinces, seems rapidly gathering in the Austrian Netherlands. The people of that country conceiving their privileges invaded by the late edicts of his Imperial Majesty, wherein some material alterations have been attempted to be made in the constitution of the Low Countries, and which are deemed unwarrantable innovations, are on the eve of a revolt, having, as a prelude, suspended the operation of all the taxes, and positively refused to be governed by any code of laws deviating from the ancient and established form. Spirited remonstrances have been transmitted to Vienna, and every precaution taken for a vigorous resistance, in case his Imperial Majesty persists in his proposed alterations.

The Mary, Carpenter, reported to be lost at Greenland, was spoke with the 2d of July, by the Experiment, of Lynn.

The Vansittart, Lewin, from China; Earl Talbot, Taylor, from Bengal; and Marianne, Peters, from Greenland, with six fish, are arrived in the River.

The Sullivan East Indianman parted with the Fort William, Simpson, from China, at the entrance of the Straights of Malacca, all well.

Captain Wall, of the Valentine, from China, spoke the Pigot, Ballantine, the 15th of March, from China, all well. On the 3d of April, spoke the Hope, Macgee, (American ship) from China, lat. 24. S. long. 58. E. On the 16th of June, spoke Le George (French ship), from Nantz, 28 days, for Angelo, all well, with General Colonne on board, for that settlement.—The Sullivan left the following ships at China, viz. the Europa, Applegarth; General Goddard, Foxall; Ponborne, Thomas; Middlesex, Rogers; London, Eastbrooke; Royal Bishop, Mears; Mansfield, Hepworth; York, Huddard; and Mars, Farrington.

The following Articles are extracted from the Ben-

gal Newspapers, brought by the Earl Talbot.

The latest is the 6th of January 1787.

We hear from Bombay, that one of Tippoo's vessels which sailed to Bussorah with pepper, cardamums, and sandal wood, &c. as a present to the Grand Signior, blew up, off Bussorah, the day after the arrival there. There were four Ambassadors on board going to Constantinople, and from thence, they say, to England and France.

Lieutenant Colonel Blane is permitted to resign the Honourable Company's service on the sailing of the Phoenix, and to proceed to Europe in that ship. Lieutenant Robert Morell is brought on the full-pay list of Lieutenants, and appointed to the third battalion of Sepoys, in the room of Lieutenant James Jones.

Ensign Thomas Featherstone, late Aid de Camp to Colonel Ahmuty, is appointed to the 6th European battalion, in the room of Lieutenant Robert Morell, transferred to the full-pay list of Lieutenants.

Promotions in the Artillery:

Captain C. Green to be Major, in the room of Major J. Barraud, removed to the Invalid establishment, to rank from the 24th of November 1776.

Lieutenant J. Gordon to be Captain, vice C. Green promoted, to rank from the 24th of November 1786.

Lieutenant J. Horsford to be Captain, vice W. Harris deceased, to rank from the 24th of November 1786.

Lieutenant Fire-worker G. Johnson to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Gordon promoted, to rank from the 24th of November 1786, and being Adjutant.

Lieutenant Fire-worker T. Griffin to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Johnson, to rank from the 25th of November.

Lieutenant Fire-worker W. Cunningham to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Horsford promoted, to rank from the 26th of November 1786.

Captain A. K. Dickson is appointed to the command of the 34th battalion of Sepoys, vacant by the death of Captain Thomas Hall.

Lieutenant B. F. Stamford, serving on Ensign's allowances, comes on full pay from the 21st ult. and is appointed to the 23d battalion of Sepoys, in the room of Lieutenant John Haynes deceased.

Ensign D. Weldon comes on full pay from the 21st December last, and is posted on the 3d European battalion, in the room of Lieutenant B. F. Stamford.

Lieutenant W. T. Pryor, serving on Ensign's allowances, in the 3d European battalion, is appointed Adjutant to the 17th battalion of Sepoys, in the room of Lieutenant Pennington, who resigned that post.

Ensign John Leslie comes on full pay from the 1st inst. and is appointed to the 3d European battalion, vice W. T. Pryor, removed.

The packet of the William Pitt was dispatched on Friday last. In this ship are gone passengers Lieutenant General Sloper, late Commander in Chief; Captain Merry, Aid de Camp; Mr Whitwell, Secretary, and the Rev. Mr Goddard. The General left town on Thursday night, and was accompanied to his Budge-row by the Right Honourable the Governor General, the members of the Supreme Council, several of the heads of departments, and the Hon. the Secretary of the Council. He was saluted with a discharge of thirteen guns from the New Fort.

MURDER AT MADRAS.

An imperfect account having lately appeared of a murder committed at Madras, we flatter ourselves the following authentic particulars of so extraordinary an occurrence may not prove unacceptable to our readers:—

Shah Soylman, a private soldier of the 20th battalion of the Sepoy corps, stationed at Chepauk, was tried at the Madras quarter-sessions in October last, for murdering Alhabib his wife. The fact being sufficiently proved, the prisoner made the following very extraordinary defence.—That he and his family having, from a variety of circumstances, been plunged into an insupportable state of distress, himself and wife thought death infinitely preferable to the lingering rack of existence; that after debating again and again the melancholy subject, it was resolved that he should first destroy their infant daughter, then his wife, and afterwards himself.

This horrid but well-concerted plan was defeated, he said, by his wife's maternal feelings, who not being able to endure the dreadful thought of beholding the slaughter of her beloved and only child, entreated him to give her first the fatal blow; that in compliance with her request, he put an end to her misery, by plunging a dagger in her bosom; and that, whilst in an agony of despair, he was preparing to destroy his daughter, the guards, alarmed by her cries, rushed in, and prevented the execution of his purpose.

The Jury, taking all the circumstances into their consideration, brought in their verdict, "Guilty without malice;"—but the Court representing the illegality of such a verdict, they agreed to find him "Guilty," at the same time strongly recommending the unfortunate wretch to his Majesty's mercy.

He will therefore remain closely confined till his Majesty's gracious pleasure shall be known.

DOCTOR ELLIOT.

It is with concern we inform the public, that yesterday evening the unfortunate Dr. Elliot died in Newgate of what is commonly stiled a broken heart; or, in other words, his feelings were too fine to bear the situation into which he was thrown, with only the ordinary effect produced upon ordinary men.

The rigid administration of justice in the City Recorder, by whom he was lately tried, in ordering him into confinement, immediately on his being acquitted, took sensible hold of his feelings: and the gail disorder incidental to the prison, added to his deplorable state of mind, and terminated his existence.

Thus he ended the life of a man whose enlightened mind was an honour to philosophy; and that it was tinged with frenzy is to be attributed to his

unremitting ardour in abstruse learning.—Dr. Priestly, Dr. Franklin, and a number of the first characters of the age, honoured him with particular attention and esteem.

How far the spirit of persecution actuated the with whom he had to contend, their own feelings must answer;—and we are sorry they were so mistaken, as to endeavour to prevent an evident act of infamy, to designing guilt!

Some difficulties having arisen, relative to the execution of the Commercial Treaty with France, in the port of Dunkirk, the King of France has caused his Council to issue an interpretative. A ret for removing these difficulties; the tenor is as follows:

Art. 1. All merchandize coming from England and assigned to the port of Dunkirk, shall bring original certificate, or a clearance from an English Customhouse, which shall be deposited in the office of the Chamber of Commerce, with an extract of the bill of lading announced on their arrival, with the Secretary of the Admiralty, by the Captain of the vessel on board which the said merchandize shall be.

Art. 2. Upon the original certificate or clearance from any English Customhouse, as well as upon the extract of the said bill of lading, the Chamber of Commerce shall deliver a certificate, with a copy in form, of the said clearance, attested by the Lieutenant or his Deputy at Dunkirk, which shall be sent to the Bureau de Traite, established in the Lower Town, outside the liberties, to serve for a entry of the said merchandize to the interior part of the kingdom, either by the said office, or by any other.

Art. 3. And with respect to the merchandize of France, which shall arrive by land at Dunkirk through the Bureau of the Lower Town, and which shall be designed to clear out for England, it shall be deposited at the said Bureau; and a clearance must be had from thence, to be laid before the Chamber of Commerce, which shall be attested there, on the embarkation of the said merchandize, on the representation which the Captain shall be bound to make of the acknowledgment signed by him.

Art. 4. The said clearance taken at the Bureau of the Lower Town, shall, on the arrival of the merchandize at the Upper Town, be deposited in the Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce; and according as these merchandizes shall be shipped for England, the said Chamber, on the acknowledgments which shall be laid before it, shall deliver out its certificates.

Art. 5. And with respect to all kinds of French merchandize, or of provisions coming by sea from the internal parts of the kingdom, to the port of Dunkirk, destined for England, particularly with respect to the brandies and wines of France, which shall be shipped in the said port of Dunkirk for England, his Majesty ordains that the clearances of the Bureau, established in the places where the said merchandize, brandies or wines shall be loaded, shall be backed by the said Chamber of Commerce, with the extracts of their invoices delivered on their arrival at Dunkirk, to the Secretary of the Admiralty; and in proportion to the ladings which shall be made for England, and are the production of the acknowledgment signed by the Captain, the said Chamber shall deliver its certificates for indemnifying the said

Art. 6. His Majesty further ordains, that all the duties fixed, according to the said treaty of the 26th of September, shall be received at the Bureau de Traite, established in the Lower Town of Dunkirk, in the form, and as it is laid down in the said Arrêt of May 31st last.

Fireworks of inflammable air were exhibited last week, before the Members of the Academy of Sciences at Paris, as splendid as when the usual materials make the composition, and more acceptable, being free from noise, smell, and smoke. The ridance of all smell, the present contrivance may claim as peculiar. All inflammable air, hitherto generated from metallics, acted on by mineral acid, producing both smoke and smell. The name of the artist who made the display was Diller. His apparatus was as follows:—Copper cylinders, of various sizes, communicating to reservoirs of the air. The orifice of the tube is lighted by a torch, and the flame is immediately conveyed to the tubes, forming figures very beautifully bright, of suns, stars, &c. &c.

The Dutch conceive, that the expence attending the Stadtholder's dignity ought to be got rid of; their resentment, therefore, against the Prince, is that of an English barrow-woman, who suffers her ORANGES to be knocked down—three throws for a penny!

His Royal Highness Prince Frederick, it is said, has no objection to good wine. German wine is his favourite, and sometimes in his gayer hours he has been known to swear by it. As to his brother, the Royal sailor, if report be true—he'll swear by any thing.

In contradiction to the reports which have lately appeared in all the public papers, respecting the different state of health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, we can assure the public, that his Royal Highness was never in better health or spirits than he enjoys at present, at Brighthelmston. He bathes in the sea every day, and by his cheerful example he gives a liveliness and spirit to the places which must of course prove the highest attraction, and render the present a brisk season.—The races commence there on Friday next, and all will be a scene of gaiety and pleasure.

Friday letters, were received by Government, through Spain, from Governor Philips. They are dated at Teneriff, and left the fleet all well, and astonishingly healthy. Captain Philips says, that the convicts had behaved very quietly, and seemed perfectly reconciled to their fate.

At two o'clock on Friday morning, a fire broke out in the house of Mr Worboys, silversmith, the corner of Bridelane, Fleet-street, which entirely consumed the same, with all the valuable stock in trade, furniture, &c. and considerably damaged the two next houses. Mr Worboys unfortunately was

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...in the flames, and his apprentice narrowly escaped the same fate, by having knocked two long at his master's chamber door, whom, however, he, unfortunately, was not able to awake.

Another fire broke out about two o'clock on Saturday morning, at the Sun public-house in Eagle-court, Redlion-street, Clerkenwell, which began in the cellar; the ground floor is destroyed, but the upper part of the house was preserved by the assistance of the engines, &c. The landlord and his wife jumped out of the one pair of stairs window; the woman received no injury, but her husband was much hurt.

On Tuesday evening last, as the lady of Gordon, Esq; was going in her carriage to Eufield, the lightning terrifying the horses, they ran away with the carriage; which so alarmed the lady, who unfortunately was eight months advanced in her pregnancy, that she was immediately delivered of a child, and died before the carriage could be stopped.

The late Henry Fielding once proposed the following plan for the reformation of the Police, which being disapproved in private, was, we believe never made public:—He recommended that the Court at the Old-Bailey should, at the end of the trials, be adjourned for four days; that against the day of adjournment, a gallows should be erected in the area before Newgate; that the criminals should in that interval be kept from strong liquors and improper company, and on the day appointed be brought down to receive sentence. It was finally proposed, that this sentence should be executed immediately after it was pronounced, in the light, and in the presence of the Judges. Nothing, we think, can be imagined more tremendous than such an execution, nor anything more likely to impress the spectators with that kind of awe which operates to the restraint of enormous crimes.

The following humorous fact, though not publicly known, really took place in the Tower a few years ago, where the original copy is still preserved in the Warder's Hall:

Copy of a letter from an Irish Warder, addressed to the Governor of the Tower, praying the liberty to sleep out at night, &c.

"May it please your Worship's honour and glory, I Patrick Cogan having a wife very ill, beg the leave of laying out of the Tower, as I faithfully promise never to go out till after the gates are locked up at night, and always to come in before they are open in the morning."

Extract of a letter from on board the Pitt, late Cooper, from China.

"On the 31st of March fell in with the Magdalena, Captain Langoc, a Dane, homeward bound, who had suffered exceedingly in a tremendous gale on the 26th of the same month, had cut away her mizen-mast, lost her top-masts, and received other considerable damage. The Draak, a Dutchman, was also in the gale, and suffered much; spoke with by the Valentine."

PRICE OF STOCKS, JULY 23.

Bank Stock, —	3 per cent. India Ann. —
New 4 per cent. 1777, 91½	India Bonds, —
92.	South Sea Stock, shut.
5 per cent. Ann. 1785, shut.	Old S. S. Ann. 71½
108½ a 108½	New ditto, shut.
3 per cent. red. 71½	3 per cent. 1751, shut.
1 per cent. con. shut. 20½	New Navy and Vict. shut.
3 per cent. 1726, —	Exch. Bills, —
Long Ann. 21½	Lottery Tickets, 15 l. 17 s.
30 Years Ann. 1778, 13½ a	6 d. a 18 s.
7-16ths.	Prices, —
India Stock, shut.	Consols, —

WIND AT DEAL, JULY 23. N.E.

EDINBURGH.

London, July 16. 1787.

MUCH injury having been done to the PRINTING BUSINESS, in several parts of the kingdom, from the number of Apprentices, bound for a short term, breaking their indentures, &c.;—to guard against every such encroachment in future, the following Resolutions have severally been entered into for preserving the rights of both the Masters and Journeymen; and are hereby made public, in order that Parents, Guardians, Masters, or Apprentices, may not hereafter plead ignorance of the statutes by which the right to follow the said profession is established and established:

RESOLUTION

"I. That no Apprentice, bound to learn the art and mystery of Printing, after the 21st day of August 1787, whose indenture, contract of servitude, or real apprenticeship, shall appear to have been for a less term than Seven Years, be from such servitude entitled to follow or exercise the said profession.

"II. That any person now employed and working as a Journeyman, who shall be discovered not to have fulfilled the term of his indenture, &c. and provided the term of his indenture be not expired when such discovery is made, shall be compelled to quit his employment, and notice thereof sent to the different printing-offices in London, &c. &c.; and that, at no future time, he be admitted to the rights annexed to legal servitude."

[The first of these resolutions is founded on the act of 5 Eliz. cap. 4; the second on that of 6 Geo. III. cap. 25. — Lenity having, however, for a long time defeated the salutary intent of these statutes, and accumulated much injury to the profession, the Printers of London are determined to give every efficacy in their power to the law, and enforce the penalties on its violators; the better to facilitate which, and guard against the possibility of every future infringement, the following resolution was also unanimously passed, and will be invariably observed.]

"III. That the Journeymen in any printing-office, where they have just grounds of suspicion, do examine the indenture or other right of such suspected person; strictly, however, governing their conduct by the spirit of the foregoing resolutions, in order that no individual, who does not come within its obvious meaning and import,

"may be idly abused, or wantonly thrown out of employment; but nevertheless, any person so suspected, obstinately refusing to give the required information, shall be considered as without claim to the rights and privileges of a Journeyman."

P. S. Should any Apprentice break his indenture, notice thereof being sent to Alexander Blount, at Mrs Wills's, Hole-in-the-Wall, Fleet-street, the regulations provided by Act of Parliament will be immediately enforced, to prevent such person working in London, the country of England, or Ireland, as a general correspondence is established.

By Order,
ALEX. BLOUNT, Sec.

Mrs Rofs of Roffie was safely delivered of a daughter yesterday morning.

Mrs Allardyce of Dunnotar was safely delivered of a son at Aberdeen on Sunday the 22d instant.

Friday last, Mrs Cumming, of Altyre, was safely delivered of a son.

Mr John Gardner, Attorney at Law in Calcutta, Bengal, died the 11th of January last.

Thursday the 19th, died at Abergeldie, Miss Forbes, Blackford.

Last week died, the Rev. Mr Robert Dow, minister of Ardrossan.

Died here, on the 20th instant, John Macleod, Esq; youngest son of the late John Macleod, of Ralay, Esq.

Saturday last, arrived here Henry Beaufoy, Esq; member for Yarmouth, in his return from visiting the fishing stations. The report made by this active and patriotic gentleman is highly favourable to the undertaking. Mr Beaufoy's stay was too short to receive the honours of the city, which we are informed would immediately have been bestowed upon him. To these, and every token of respect which Scotland can bestow, Mr Beaufoy is peculiarly entitled.

Yesterday, the Presbytery of Edinburgh met here, and appointed all the ministers within their bounds, who have not already read his Majesty's Proclamation against profaneness and immorality, to do so from their respective pulpits on Sunday next, accompanied with suitable exhortations to enforce his Majesty's pious intentions. No business of a public nature came before the Presbytery.

Yesterday, James Watson, convicted before the High Court of Judicature of the crime of sheep-stealing was executed at the west end of the Tolbooth in pursuance of his sentence. He was attended at the place of execution by the Rev. Mr Greenfield, one of the ministers of this city, and behaved in every respect suitable to his unhappy situation; but strenuously denied to the last moment, his being guilty of the crime for which he suffered.

Monday afternoon arrived in Leith Roads from Ellinore, the following Dutch men of war.

Ships.	Commanders.	Guns.
Delft,	J. S. Haringman,	58.
Castor,	Vander Cappelle,	44.
Postillion,	Vander Lwan,	8.

The Paisley, Boyd, is arrived at Port Glasgow, from the Greenland seas, with five fish.

The Findlay, Watson, was spoke with the 5th inst. all well; but had not only one large fish, and On Monday last, the Annual Competition for Prizes, given by the Highland Society of London to the three best performers on the Bagpipe, was held in the New Assembly-Rooms, George Street, in presence of a Committee of Judges and Directors appointed by the Highland Society of Scotland, and a very numerous and genteel assembly, who honoured the Committee with their attendance. The Judges have determined the first prize, being a handsome Pipe, with forty merks in money, to Archibald Macgregor in Dramhary, Piper to the Laird of Glenlyon. The second prize, being thirty merks, to Archibald Macdermid, from Breadalbane; and the third prize, being thirty merks, to Robert Macintyre, Piper to the Laird of Clanranald.

The money collected from the sale of tickets was divided among the other competitors, and such as entertained the company with Highland Dancing, between the different parts of the country.

Last night, the Theatre-Royal closed here with the tragedy of the Rival Queens, in which the young Gentleman, who performed the part of Othello, &c. made his first appearance in the character of Alexander the Great. This part particularly accorded with the figure and appearance of the young Gentleman, and he did it great justice in the performance. Indeed, it is difficult to say which of the various characters he has appeared in was sustained with most propriety, that of Lord Townley only excepted. Here he evidently appeared somewhat embarrassed; but this may be attributed to his undertaking too many capital parts on too short a notice. He, however, made ample amends for this deficiency on Monday night, in the part of Jaffier, which he performed with astonishing abilities, and received the highest marks of approbation and applause. The characters which this young Gentleman has already appeared in are, Othello, Douglas, Lord Townley, Jaffier, and Alexander the Great.

A correspondent from St Ninian's informs us, that the Patronage of that parish sold lately for upwards of 600 l. sterling!!! In consequence of which, he says, the Presbytery of Stirling are determined to refuse settling any Prefectee there; and are to carry the matter before the Synod of Perth and Stirling; and if the synod appoint them to place a Prefectee in St Ninian's, the Presbytery are to protest, and appeal to the General Assembly; and if the Assembly should give it against them, (of which there can be no doubt) the Presbytery are to protest against their sentence, and appeal to the Court of Session;—and if the Court of Session also give it against them, the Presbytery are to appeal to the House of Peers; from whom justice may be expected.

The Anniversary Sermon for the Benefit of the Orphan Hospital is to be preached by the Rev. Mr William Moodie in St Andrew's Church, New

Town, on Tuesday the 31st current, at 11 o'clock forenoon, after which the Orphans will sing a hymn of gratitude to their bountiful benefactors.

Though the stated funds will not maintain more than 120 Orphans, the Corporation trusting to the generosity of the public, have increased the number to 140. The Managers acknowledge the many favours they are constantly receiving from the liberal and benign, by donations and legacies, to sustain about that number.

As the two projected wings, with other additions to complete the plan of that hospital, will be soon ready, and as one guinea maintains a child 10 weeks, 5 l. a whole year, and 100 l. adds an indigent orphan to that happy family, it may be hoped that the number will every year increase, till the funds will enable the Managers to take in 100 boys and 100 girls.—It is therefore expected, that those who cannot attend the Anniversary Sermon, will be pleased to send their mite to the support of 140 pleasant industrious orphans, who have since August last, after school hours, (when they learn reading, writing, arithmetic, music, and the principles of religion) performed with their own little hands the following work:

The Girls have spun as much yarn as makes 516 yards of linen cloth, which they have made into shirts, &c. for the whole family. They have made all their gowns, petticoats, and other apparel. They make all the beds, clean the wards and whole house, assist in washing and dressing the linens, and serve by turn in the kitchen. The youngest girls are employed in making lace, which is sold at the hospital.

The boys have spun as much yarn as makes 467 yards woollen stuff to clothe the whole family. As tailors, they have made and mended all their own clothes. As shoemakers, have made and mended all the hospital shoes; and as bookbinders, bound all their own books. The boys and girls have knit 300 pairs of stockings, and when they are not at play without doors, to keep their young minds cheerful, they are encouraged to sing and dance in the house, to their own music.

As an evidence of the proper economy, and healthy accommodation now made by enlarging the hospital, from January 1784 to January 1787, (during which time the house contained from 130 to 140 children) not one death was in the hospital, which will soon be as conspicuous an ornament to the place, as a public blessing to the community, to which nothing can be of greater advantage, than seminaries of education for indigent youth, who, by idleness and vice, become the bane of great cities.—Where then can a small donation or legacy be more properly applied, to indulge the pleasant feelings of humanity, or promote the great ends of religion and civil society?

Sunday evening, about six o'clock, a woman was found murdered among some planting, near to the Kirklee on Kelvin, about three miles north of this city. She proves to be one Catharine Clerk, a highland woman, from this place. She had been employed on Saturday in hoeing potatoes, and, on her return to her quarters, changed her clothes, on purpose to go and purchase victuals for Sunday; but not returning that night, created some uneasiness to the people with whom she lodged. On Sunday morning she was found dead, and would not return for three weeks, which they were to send after her. The people of the house complied with their requisition, and the women have been taken into custody. It is hoped this will lead to a discovery of the perpetrators of so shocking and barbarous a deed. Her throat was cut from ear to ear, and a heavy stone lying on her body when found. One John Millar, late servant to John and Donald Maclellan, farmers at the Water of Finlafs, in the parish of Lufs, is suspected of the murder.

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, July 24.

"Last week, arrived the Latona Greenland ship of this place, Captain Story, with 6 fish, and 45 seals, yielding 120 butts blubber, and 8 butts of crag. When they last saw the Hercules of this place, she had got 3 fish, and 350 seals, yielding 90 butts blubber."

Mr. Macmillan, Captain LAW, M. D. D. and Co. owners, arrived here on Saturday last, with 170 butts blubber, and three tons whalebone, the produce of four whales, and 1322 seals, being her first voyage from the Greenland fishery.

"Last night, was spoke with in this bay, the Caledonia of Borrowstounness, Pottinger, with 3 fish, 243 seals, 154 butts blubber; reports, that the Sally, Waterhouse, of London, was clean the 8th inst. Earl of Chatham of London, from Davis's Straits, 7 large fish; Cromwell of Ipswich 7, Norfolk of Yarmouth 15."

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman in Virginia, to his friend in Aberdeen, dated June 2.

"Virginia enjoys at present, on this side the mountains, a profound peace. Nor is there much reason to fear an interruption to its tranquillity. The Indians have, indeed, been troublesome in the most westerly parts of the state: Their exertions may bring ruin on a few families, but cannot be attended with very important consequences."

Extract of a letter from Kirkwall, July 11.

"Upon the 8th instant, the — of Greenock, Hunter, bound for Memel, in ballast, ran upon the Pentland Sherries, in going through the Pentland Frith. The crew took to their boat, and got upon the Sherries. Some time after, the ship went off herself, and is ashore on the Caithness coast; but in what situation we cannot say."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, July 19.

"Yesterday came on before Mr Baron Power and respectable juries, in the Court of King's Bench, the trial of several journeymen hosiery, and callico and cotton printers, all of them for entering into combinations, and leaving their masters work unfinished, and some of them with the aggravation of using threats and menaces against their masters, and behaving tumultuously. The juries returned verdicts against all the prisoners finding them Guilty, and they will be brought up in a few days to re-

ceive sentence, which will be proportioned agreeable to the different circumstances of their crimes. Mr Baron Power, in his charge to the jury upon those indicted for riotous behaviour, observed, that it was of little consequence though the charge could not be brought home to the particular persons; their assembling in a tumultuous manner, and parading riotously through the streets, was sufficient; and the jury were of the same opinion."

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

THE present prevailing fashion, so destructive to manufactures, renders the publication of the following caution to the Public with regard to Cloth Buttons, highly necessary. C I V I S.

By stat. 8 Annæ, cap. 6. No tailor or other person shall make, set on, sell, use, or bind on any clothes, any buttons or button-holes made or bound with serge, or other stuff of which clothes are usually made, on pain of 5 l. for every dozen of buttons or button-holes; one moiety to the Crown, the other to him who will sue for the same: Or two justices may by warrant levy the penalty, upon conviction of the offender, by one witness.

By stat. 4 Geo. I. cap. 7. § 1. The penalty on the tailor is reduced to 40 s. per dozen. And,

By stat. 7 Geo. I. sess. 1. cap. 12. § 1. The person who wears such clothes shall forfeit for every dozen of such buttons or button-holes, 40 s.; or in proportion for a lesser quantity, to be levied on the sentence of one Justice of Peace, upon the oath of one credible person.

REPORT of the Quantities of Meal brought into the Meal Market of Edinburgh, with the Prices at which it sold, July 24. 1787.

	Lothian oat-meal,	59 2 bolls.
	South Country ditto,	160 3 bolls.
Best Lothian oat-meal sold at	16 8	
Second ditto,	16 4	
Third ditto,	16 0	
Best South Country ditto,	16 6	per boll.
Second ditto,	16 3	
Third ditto,	16 0	
Best meal sold by retail at	1 0 1/2	
Second ditto,	1 0 1/2	per peck.
Third ditto,	1 0 1/2	

Thermometer and Barometer since our last:

	Therm.	Bar.
Monday, July 23. 8 o'clock,	P. M. 58	29.3
Tuesday, — 24. —	A. M. 58	29.3
— 8 —	P. M. 58	29.3
Wednesday, — 25. —	A. M. 58	29.3
— 8 —	P. M. 58	29.3
Thursday, — 26. —	A. M. 58	29.33

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND,

July 8. Villa Nova, of and from Allos, Spittall, for Memel, in ballast.

Bell and Ann of Arbroath, Cargill, from Port George, for St Peterburgh, in ditto.

9. Surprise of Kincardine, Strong, from St Peterburgh, for Dundee, with flax.

Active, of and from Allos, Allan, for Copenhagen, with coals and borses.

Diligence of Kirkcaldy, Millar, from Amsterdam, for Memel, in ballast.

George of Memel, Johnson, from Liverpool, for Dantzick, with flax.

Diamond, of and from Dundee, Almers, for St Peterburgh, in ballast.

Diamond, of and from Dundee, Almers, for St Peterburgh, in ditto.

Isabella, of and for Perth, Thomas, from Dantzick.

10. Nelly, of and from Leith, Burns, for Memel, ballast.

Liberty, of and from Aberdeen, Marr, for St Peterburgh, in ditto.

Mathison, of and from Montrose, Jolly, for Memel.

Palace, of and from Aberdeen, Ratney, for ditto.

Betty, of and from Montrose, Vallentine, for Dantzick, in ballast.

Dolphine, of and from Dundee, Kidd, for St Peterburgh, in ditto.

ARRIVED AND REMAIN below the Calfie,

June, of and from Kirkcaldy, Bell, for Memel, ballast.

Victory of Dyart, Rutherford, from Newburgh, for —, in ditto.

Elizabeth of Kirkcaldy, Beveridge, from Allos, for Memel, in ditto.

Edinore, July 10. 1787.—Wind, S. S. W.

WOOD AND HOWDEN.

ORKNEY SHIPPING.

Sailed from Stromness,

with deals.

Margaret of Greenock, Livingston, from Chistianfound, for Dublin, with ditto.

11. James and Margaret of Stromness, Macmichean, from Gottenburgh, for Ayr, with iron and deals.

Daphney of and from Dundee, Conner, for Faldia.

Nancy of and from Whitty, Liddle, for Darnes, &c.

Friendship of and from Leith, Cooper, for the Highlands.

In Kirkwall Road,

Friendship of Kirkwall, Craigie, for Bristol, with kelp.

ARRIVED AT LEITH,

July 23. Peggy, Geddes, from Nairn, with goods.

Christian, Hillop, from Aberlady, in ballast.

Surprise, Strong, from St Peterburgh, with goods.

Concord, Hogg, from Archangel, with tar and tallow.

Peggy, Mills, from M. Duff, with goods.

Lady Grant, Malcolm, from Kirkcaldy, with flax.

24. William and John, Hunter, from Hull, with goods.

Mary and Ann, Wilson, from Alenmouth, with grain.

Ann, Forsyth, from Rotterdam, with goods.

Endeavour, Robertson, from London, with goods.

Ann and Margaret, Lowrie, from Camperce, hoops.

Dispatch, Moncor, from London, with goods.

Elizabeth, Muir, from Arbroath, with ditto.

Easter, Evans, from London, with grain.

25. Hope Branch, Benfield, from Foverham, in ballast.

Brothers, Young, from St David's, with flour, &c.

Elizabeth and Margaret, Norrie, with whisky, &c.

26. Jeanie, Hutton, from Gottenburgh, with deals & iron.

Meeting of Coalmasters,

THERE is to be a meeting of Coalmasters in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, on Wednesday next, the 1st August at two o'clock, to consider of some matters of general concern.

Gentlemen who cannot attend are requested to send their agents.

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